

## Bloc Leaders In Clash Over Muscle Shoals

Ladd, Supporting Ford Plan,  
Intimates "Big Private Interests"  
Hoping to Get Property

Liberal Split Is Forecast

Dispute Believed Likely to  
Lead to Wider Breach  
Between Two Groups

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Two leaders of the Progressive bloc and agricultural group clashed today in the Senate. Senators Ladd, of North Dakota, and Norris, of Nebraska, collided over the question of what should be done with Muscle Shoals.

Senator Norris opposes the Ford plan and has introduced a bill for a government-controlled corporation to operate the plant at Muscle Shoals and manufacture fertilizer. Senator Ladd is for the Ford plan and he presented a speech made several days ago by Senator Norris, scoring the Ford proposition sharply.

In a speech to-day, upholding the Ford proposal, Senator Ladd threw a number of verbal bricks at Senator Norris and intimated strongly that the Norris bill as to Muscle Shoals was favored by big private interests that wanted to get hold of the property. He expressed doubt whether Senator Norris understood the import of his own measure.

Strong Feeling Aroused  
Senator Ladd several times was interrupted by Senator Norris. The clash is looked on as meaning the Progressive and agricultural groups are likely to be badly split over what to do with Muscle Shoals before the issue is settled, and the feeling aroused may lead to a split on other questions of legislation.

Senator Ladd complained that the remarks several days ago of Senator Norris in opposing the Ford proposal left him (Ladd) before the country "in a very bad position." He declared that had it not been for the offer of Henry Ford "Muscle Shoals would be on its way to the scrap heap to-day."

Senator Ladd predicted the Norris bill would "prove frightful in its consequences." "If there was any special interest that wanted Muscle Shoals," said Senator Ladd, "such as the Alabama Power Company for instance, I do not see how they could draw a more subtle measure, such as would stand a chance of being slipped by the people of this country, than the Norris bill."

No Government Control  
Senator Ladd predicted that under the Norris plan huge appropriations would be required, that the proposed

corporation would not be under control of the government and that "this bill would simply result in a financial juggernaut, a colossal waste of money."

"Instead of proving a salvation to the farmer it would prove a curse," said Senator Ladd. He asserted that "certain great interests" had no intention of allowing government ownership or operation to succeed in the interest of all the people.

Referring to the fact that Senator Norris was apparently concerned over granting anything that might be a monopoly to a private corporation, he said he was astonished that Senator Norris was one of two Republicans to vote for the Federal Reserve system, "the greatest private monopoly that has ever been created by any legislative body, which gave to private banking institutions a complete monopoly over the issuance and control of the money and credits in this great nation."

Senator Ladd was followed by Senators Underwood and Heflin. Both supported the proposal that Muscle Shoals be turned over to Ford.

Famous Gretna Green Forge  
May Be Owned by Road  
LONDON, Dec. 1 (By Mail).—Road improvements contemplated by the Government of Great Britain, involve the site of a famous blacksmith's forge at Gretna Green, according to "The Daily Mail." The owner is "a village, which has secured immortality from its associations with runaway marriages, is visited by thousands of people every year. These visitors, who include many American tourists, pay a small charge to visit the blacksmith's forge where, according to tradition, the eloping couples were married directly they had crossed the border from England."

Alleged Traffic in Jobs  
Probed by Senate Committee  
From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Charges that Joseph W. Tolbert, Republican national committeeman from South Carolina, who has been appointed United States Marshal for the western South Carolina district, has been trafficking in Federal appointments, were aired to-day before a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senator Dial, of South Carolina, who is against Tolbert, was before the subcommittee to press his charges. The testimony was behind closed doors. Tolbert was present and repeatedly denied disposing of offices for pay or making any attempt to do so. The inquiry may go over until after the holidays.

Judge Rose Confirmed  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The nomination of Judge John C. Rose to be Circuit Judge of the 4th Circuit, which includes the states of West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, was confirmed to-day by the Senate.

N. Y. Leads in Postal Receipts  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—New York led all states in postal receipts in the last fiscal year, post-offices there taking in \$83,479,914, the Postoffice Department announced to-day. Illinois was second and Pennsylvania third, with \$55,236,444 and \$30,589,303, respectively.

## Subsidy Poll Shows Norris Motion Beaten

Jones and Senate Aids Claim  
45 to 42 Votes in De-  
fense of Ship Bill, but  
Fail to Force Issue

Filibuster Is Continued

Harding Men Will Give Ru-  
ral Credits Open Track;  
See Time to Pass Both

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The filibuster against the ship subsidy bill continued in the Senate this afternoon without material change in the situation either as to the subsidy measure or the motion of Senator Norris to take up the Norris marketing bill.

Senator Jones once more sought to get a time fixed to vote on the Norris motion, but was met with objections from the Democratic side. Senate Republican leaders, who have made a point, say they have the votes to beat the Norris motion. Their figures give the Norris motion forty-two, with forty-five opposed to it and nine uncertain. However, the supporters of the Norris motion dispute these figures and say they stand an even chance to carry it. The importance of the Norris motion as an obstruction to ship subsidy, however, has begun to dwindle.

The Senate to-morrow will take up the nomination of Pierce Butler for the Supreme Court of the United States and this promises extended debate. It became obvious to-day the subsidy measure would make no progress, even if the Norris motion is beaten, until after the farm credits question is settled.

The Senate Banking and Currency Committee continues to hold out the promise that the farm credits bill will be reported to the Senate next week. Senator Jones said the credits measure would be taken up without objection.

He said there was ample time to pass both subsidy and rural credits.

Senator Harrison this afternoon proposed to vote on the Norris motion at 4 o'clock next Wednesday. He said the Banking and Currency Committee would report a rural credits bill by that time. Senator Jones objected.

Senator Harrison made a long speech, largely political, assailing the subsidy bill. He deplored the "infamous" Banking and Currency Committee as seeking to rush "this infamous measure" against the will of the people.

Senator Heflin later spoke at length against the bill. Senator Dial also opposed it.

Illinois Building Costs  
Laid to "Union Traitors"

Labor Betrayed and Exploited  
by Criminal Agents, Says In-  
dustrialists' Report

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Unlawful combinations and agreements are largely responsible for high building costs in the opinion of members of the Illinois Industrialists' Association, in a report which to-night made public its report to be submitted to Governor Small to-morrow.

"The investigation disclosed that union labor was betrayed, disgraced and brought into thorough disrepute by many criminal agents," the commission's report says. "Graft which, according to the best estimates, ran into millions of dollars every year, was imposed upon builders by these agents."

"Union labor was exploited in the interests of dishonest leaders, who amassed fortunes for themselves, and who employed murderers, slingers and bomb throwers in their nefarious war on society."

Woman Suicide Leaves Note  
Asking Mother's Forgiveness  
The police were searching last night for relatives of Anna Danielson, twenty-four years old, who was found dead from gas yesterday morning on the top floor, at 639 Eagle Avenue, the Bronx. Two jets in the room were turned on. Miss Danielson, fully clothed was lying on a small cot. The young woman had been employed as a waitress. She came to this country from Germany with her parents before the war.

A note written in German was found on a table. It read: "Forgive me, mother."

## House Shelves Tax Exemption On Eve of Vote

Administration Resolution  
Sidetracked for Agricul-  
tural Appropriation Bill  
After Conference

Many Oppose Measure

Leaders Announce That It  
May Be Taken Up Again  
in Three or Four Weeks

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The House of Representatives to-day buried an Administration measure. The resolution barring further issues of tax-exempt securities was sidetracked by the lower branch on the eve of a final vote and after it had been urged by the President for the second time in his message to Congress at the opening of the regular session this month. It was debated yesterday and the expectation was that final action would come to-day.

A hurried conference of Republican leaders, however, decided this morning that the measure should be supplanted to-day by the "important" agricultural appropriation bill. No statement was made as to the future of the Greene resolution except that it may be taken up again in the next three or four weeks. It was learned that the leaders counted noses and found that the measure might not get a majority, much less the two-thirds vote necessary to submit it to the state legislatures for ratification as an amendment to the Constitution.

Before the Greene measure was presented to the House it was expected that, after the urgent appeals made by President Harding, it would receive

a strong Republican vote and a scattering of Democratic votes. The discussion yesterday developed a surprisingly large opposition on both sides of the chamber. The Democrats are overwhelmingly against it and the Republicans apparently are almost evenly split.

The delay until the latter part of January will give the Administration a chance to bolster their lines. Rejection by the House would mean that an Administration measure had been throttled for the third time since November 20. The Administration bill, promised originally by the Wilson Administration, and the Dyer anti-lynching bill both have failed already.

Speech Ban Plea Aimed  
At Soviet Propaganda

Allied Patriotic Societies Ex-  
plain Request That An-  
gelled Aldermen

The Allied Patriotic Societies of New York, in a communication to the Board of Aldermen yesterday, pointed out that their request for an ordinance prohibiting speaking in foreign languages on the streets and in public squares of the city had been somewhat misconstrued. The inquiry by the societies, it was explained, related to revolution, of all forms of religious worship, the home, the government itself, and propaganda of the Russian Soviet. The societies found that these meetings were being frequently held and ad-

dress a letter to the Police Commissioner asking what the law was, and received the reply that there was a statute prohibiting the making of speeches on a public street in a foreign language. It was then that they called upon the Board of Aldermen to pass an ordinance which would prevent such a recurrence.

Dr. H. H. Brannan, president of the societies, in his letter to the aldermen said:

"The Allied Patriotic Societies are the best friends of all the aliens who respect our laws, and there are many such. They are represented by aliens and alien born in our organization. It is to protect them more than those who are able to take care of themselves that the work of this organization has been proceeding for the last three years."

Allies Accept Excuse of  
Bavaria for Slur on Officers  
PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Council of Ambassadors has sent a note to the German Ambassador in Paris acknowledging the receipt of the ambassador's note concerning the attacks made at Stettin, Danzig and Jangstadt on officers of the Allied control commission and also of the payment of the indemnity demanded.

The council accepts the excuse of "error" on the understanding that they were formally offered in the name of the Bavarian government and not in the name of the Reich. The note also asks for confirmation what certain punishments, which it had been announced would be inflicted, had really been carried out.

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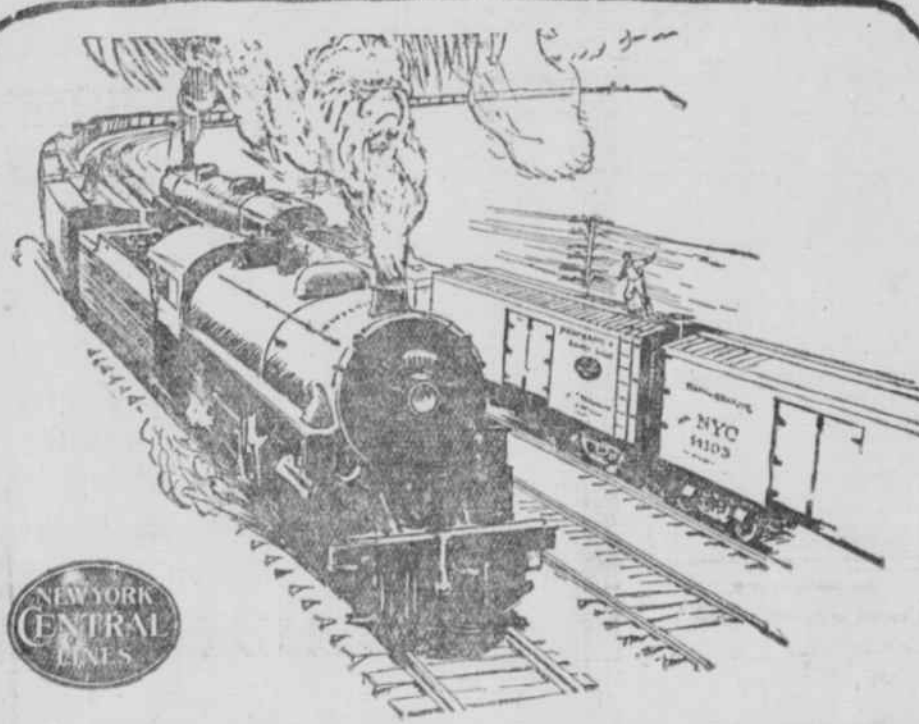
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